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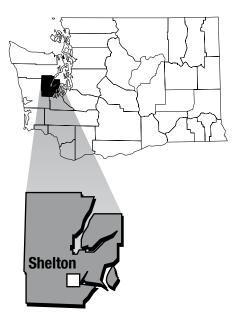
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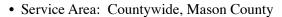
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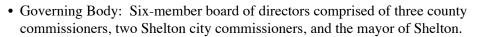
System Snapshot

• Operating Name: Mason County Transportation Authority (MCTA) or Mason Transit

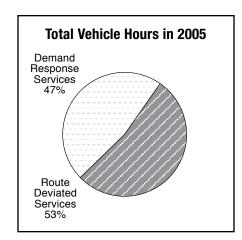


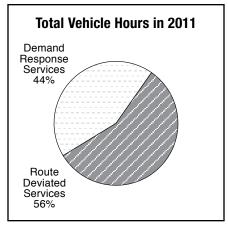
Congressional District: 6Legislative District: 35

• Type of Government: Public Transportation Benefit Area



- Tax Authorized: 0.6 percent total sales and use tax—0.2 percent approved in November 1991 and an additional 0.4 percent approved in September 2001.
- Types of Service: Eight deviated routes, demand response service, vanpool, and volunteer transportation for the general public.
- Days of Service: Weekdays, between 5:45 a.m. and 8:45 p.m., Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Base Fare: Fare free for deviated routes and demand response within Mason County, \$1.00 per boarding for one-way service outside Mason County or \$.50 per boarding for seniors and persons with disabilities.





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Current Operations

MCTA operates deviated routes six days a week as follows:

- Four rural intercity routes (Shelton/Belfair, two Belfair/Bremerton routes, and Shelton/Olympia).
- Three rural local deviated routes (two serving Shelton and one serving Belfair).

MCTA operates an additional intercity route (Shelton/Brinnon) Mondays through Fridays. In addition, MCTA provides demand response services and coordinates volunteer driver transportation with local agencies, including: Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Catholic Community Services, and Senior Information and Assistance. MCTA also provides buses and vanpools for worker/driver commuter service to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton and several other employment destinations.



Revenue Service Vehicles

Route Deviated* – 16 total, all equipped with bicycle racks, 14 equipped with wheelchair lifts, model years ranging from 1980 to 2005.

Demand Response* – 17 total, all ADA accessible and equipped with bicycle racks, model years ranging from 1997 to 2004.

Vanpool – 25 total, 20 from State VIP program (2005) and five back-up (1997).

*All vehicles may be used to provide route deviated services, including worker/driver commuter service and some level of demand response service to the general public.

Facilities

The MCTA administrative/operations facility is located at 790 East Johns Prairie Road in Shelton. MCTA contracted for all operations through December 31, 2004, including vehicle maintenance and repairs. Beginning January 1, 2005, all operations have been performed by Mason Transit employees.

The Squaxin Island Tribe opened the Kamilche Transit Hub, located near the tribal center south of Shelton in 1999. This facility has a passenger sheltered waiting area, a visitor information center, and a 40-vehicle park and ride lot.

MCTA serves four additional park and ride lots: State Route 3 and Pickering Road, State Route 3 and Cole Road, Shelton, and Belfair.

Intermodal Connections

MCTA has direct, coordinated connections with Kitsap Transit and Washington State Ferries in Bremerton, Intercity Transit in Olympia, and Jefferson Transit in Brinnon. Other coordinated connections include Grays Harbor Transportation and Pierce Transit in Olympia, the Squaxin Island Transit service at the Kamilche Transit Hub, Greyhound Lines in Olympia, and Amtrak in Lacey.

Public schools' coordination includes weekday use of school buses from the Shelton School District, under contract with Mason Transit for serving afterschool programs while operating general public routes. Two routes serve the central, southern, and western part of the county 12 months of the year through this agreement. North Mason School District operated a similar route serving Belfair and surrounding areas until October 2005.

MCTA coordinates with social service agencies and volunteers to successfully meet non-emergent needs, such as medical services not available within the service area.



2005 Achievements

- Transitioned all transit operations, maintenance, and administration in-house after 12 years of contracting out all service.
- Assisted the special needs transportation coalition, Regional Transportation Partners, in becoming incorporated in order to expand transportation options.
- Expanded services in the Belfair area and added two intercity runs to Bremerton. Reconfigured the routed system to move the hub for most service from North Shelton to city center.

- Completed the renovation of the MCTA facility. All operations, administration and maintenance, are housed in one facility for the first time in the history of the agency. MCTA still maintains a park-out facility in Belfair for north county operations.
- Constructed a large bus shelter on a major arterial in north Shelton to replace a transfer center previously located on the local WalMart parking lot, at the request of the corporation.
- Added a commuter route from central Mason County to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in the Worker-Driver Program.
- Upgraded and successfully installed maintenance, payroll and accounting software systems.
- Coordinated with Jefferson Transit, Clallam Transit, and Grays Harbor Transit to create a Summer Youth Pass good on all systems for riders up through age 17. It was valid for the three months of summer and cost only \$10.

2006 Objectives

- Complete the update to the MCTA 10-year plan.
- Expand coordinated service with local school districts.
- Design and begin construction of an on-site fueling facility.
- Add demand response service hours.
- Continue to work with the city of Shelton, Mason County, and the Port of Shelton to provide city water to the MCTA facility on Johns Prairie Road.
- Purchase property or a facility for a downtown transit center.
- Expand the vanpool program by 50 percent.
- Connect with the Bi-State Trip Planning System.

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Long-range Plans (2007 through 2011)

- Participate with local school districts to acquire vehicles that can be used in pupil and general public transportation.
- Improve the radio communications system by developing a partnership with local government to build a local repeater system.
- Build a park and ride lot in Belfair that includes a secure location to park out-stationed transit vehicles.
- Replace vehicles that have expended their useful life.
- Develop a downtown Shelton Transit/Transportation Information/ Community Center.
- Connect service with Pierce Transit along SR 302.
- Connect service with Grays Harbor Transit at Kamilche or McCleary.
- Develop a small transit center in Hoodsport.
- Explore the development of a small transit center in Allyn, in connection with their comprehensive master plan.
- Expand service to include Sundays.
- Install a security camera system on all equipment.
- Install Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) on all cutaway vehicles.
- Develop a vehicle locator system and coordinate with local transportation partners.
- Link trip planning information to 511 system.





	2003	2004	2005	% Change	2006	2007	2008	2011
Annual Operating Information								
Service Area Population	50,200	50,800	51,900	2.17%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Route Deviated Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	20,738	16,841	21,256	26.22%	23,000	27,000	30,000	36,000
Total Vehicle Hours	22,640	18,713	26,843	43.45%	29,000	32,000	35,000	41,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	357,147	411,672	456,241	10.83%	476,000	516,000	546,000	596,000
Total Vehicle Miles	388,203	446,305	485,905	8.87%	505,000	545,000	575,000	635,000
Passenger Trips	251,337	239,396	271,294	13.32%	290,000	301,000	332,000	398,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	66,130	72,166	29,302	-59.40%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	2	0	2	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	13.3	11.8	22.5	90.68%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$1,103,306	\$1,803,143	\$1,929,647	7.02%	\$2,147,659	\$2,648,792	\$2,987,951	\$3,975,821
Farebox Revenues	\$184,950	\$215,843	\$329,035	52.44%	\$332,433	\$325,741	\$288,317	\$249,420
Demand Response Services								
Revenue Vehicle Hours	12,593	24,458	18,852	-22.92%	20,000	21,000	22,000	26,000
Total Vehicle Hours	13,838	27,175	23,890	-12.09%	26,000	27,000	28,000	32,000
Revenue Vehicle Miles	238,293	242,062	285,797	18.07%	305,000	327,000	348,000	404,000
Total Vehicle Miles	326,461	262,426	326,929	24.58%	338,000	359,000	380,000	446,000
Passenger Trips	55,612	53,599	61,837	15.37%	67,000	70,000	73,000	85,000
Diesel Fuel Consumed (gallons)	16,531	18,041	55,138	205.62%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	8,481	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	2	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	3	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	13.7	12.2	20.0	63.93%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$711,965	\$1,255,760	\$1,718,080	36.82%	\$1,897,090	\$2,152,069	\$2,408,510	\$3,024,263
Farebox Revenues	\$0	\$2,608	\$3,884	48.93%	\$4,078	\$3,885	\$4,079	\$3,886

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Vanpooling Services								
Revenue Vehicle Miles	0	93,895	152,178	62.07%	236,000	292,000	334,000	432,000
Total Vehicle Miles	0	101,794	155,546	52.80%	240,000	296,000	339,000	437,000
Passenger Trips	0	18,524	32,254	74.12%	50,000	62,000	71,000	91,000
Vanpool Fleet Size	0	11	21	90.91%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Vans in Operation	0	10	11	10.00%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Gasoline Fuel Consumed (gallons)	0	7,671	11,535	50.37%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fatalities	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Reportable Injuries	0	0	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Collisions	0	1	0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Employees FTEs	.0	.3	.0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$160,995	\$107,882	-32.99%	\$174,180	\$224,889	\$269,208	\$400,982
Vanpooling Revenue	\$0	\$62,984	\$102,575	62.86%	\$137,704	\$144,589	\$181,818	\$220,909

	2003	2004	2005	% Change	2006	2007	2008	2011
Annual Revenues				0				
Sales Tax	\$2,586,029	\$2,820,214	\$2,968,243	5.25%	\$3,190,104	\$3,390,377	\$3,597,211	\$4,215,404
Farebox Revenues	\$184,950	\$218,451	\$332,919	52.40%	\$336,511	\$329,626	\$292,397	\$253,306
Vanpooling Revenue	\$0	\$62,984	\$102,575	62.86%	\$137,704	\$144,589	\$181,818	\$220,909
Federal Section 5311 Operating	\$238,002	\$408,838	\$663,719	62.34%	\$0	\$139,005	\$278,011	\$295,027
FTA JARC Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	N.A.	\$0	\$38,212	\$38,976	\$41,361
Other Federal Operating	\$0	\$32,966	\$0	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Rural Mobility Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	N.A.	\$0	\$138,678	\$277,356	\$294,332
State Special Needs Grants	\$0	\$151,024	\$151,024	0.00%	\$848,878	\$865,856	\$883,173	\$937,230
Sales Tax Equalization	\$0	\$910,520	\$910,521	0.00%	\$476,030	\$485,551	\$495,262	\$525,576
Other State Operating Grants	\$528,799	\$0	\$0	N.A.	\$104,922	\$107,020	\$109,160	\$115,842
Other	\$88,148	\$18,700	\$193,151	932.89%	\$137,415	\$144,286	\$151,500	\$175,380
Total	\$3,625,928	\$4,623,697	\$5,322,152	15.11%	\$5,231,564	\$5,783,200	\$6,304,864	\$7,074,367
Annual Operating Expenses								
Annual Operating Expenses	\$1,815,271	\$3,219,898	\$3,755,609	16.64%	\$4,218,929	\$5,025,750	\$5,665,669	\$7,401,066
Total	\$1,815,271	\$3,219,898	\$3,755,609	16.64%	\$4,218,929	\$5,025,750	\$5,665,669	\$7,401,066
Debt Service								
Interest	\$0	\$56,739	\$60,946	7.41%	\$58,712	\$56,354	\$53,863	\$45,521
Principal	\$0	\$38,561	\$40,157	4.14%	\$42,390	\$44,749	\$47,240	\$55,582
Total	\$0	\$95,300	\$101,103	6.09%	\$101,102	\$101,103	\$101,103	\$101,103
Annual Capital Purchase Obligations								
Federal Section 5309 Capital Grants	\$174,833	\$674,350	\$0		\$0	\$880,000	\$96,000	\$60,000
Federal Section 5311 Capital Grants	\$293,523	\$147,055	\$923,968		\$0	\$252,000	\$783,216	\$497,750
State Vanpool Grants	\$0	\$0	\$292,733		\$110,000	\$0	\$193,599	\$112,313
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$42,000	\$421,000	\$384,035	\$373,079
Capital Reserve Funds	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$150,000	\$1,450,000	\$941,220	<i>\$1,575,259</i>
Total	\$1,968,356	\$821,405	\$1,216,701	48.12%	\$302,000	\$3,003,000	\$2,398,070	\$2,618,401
Ending Balances, December 31								
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$348,243	N.A.	<i>\$365,655</i>	\$383,938	\$403,135	\$466,679
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$399,217	\$246,368	\$3,272,907	1228.46%	\$2,839,098	\$2,582,530	\$2,415,718	\$2,403,954
Operating Reserve	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	N.A.	\$1,392,247	\$1,658,498	\$1,869,671	\$2,442,352
Capital Reserve Funds	\$1,250,120	\$2,564,106	\$0	N.A.	\$201,000	\$280,035	\$216,476	\$262,016
Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$101,000	N.A.	\$101,000	\$101,000	\$101,000	\$101,000
Insurance Fund	\$543,000	\$543,000	\$516,271	-4.92%	\$543,000	\$543,000	\$543,000	\$543,000
Other	\$0	\$147,469	\$0	N.A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	<i>\$0</i>
Total	\$2,192,337	\$4,000,943	\$4,238,421	5.94%	\$5,442,000	\$5,549,001	\$5,549,000	\$6,219,001

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Performance Measures for 2005 Operations

	Route Deviated	Services	Demand Response Services			
	Mason County	Rural	Mason County	Rural		
	Transportation Authority	Averages	Transportation Authority	Averages		
Fares/Operating Cost	17.05%	4.45%	.23%	2.83%		
Operating Cost/Passenger Trip	\$7.11	\$10.76	\$27.78	\$24.08		
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Mile	\$4.23	\$3.70	\$6.01	\$5.15		
Operating Cost/Revenue Vehicle Hour	\$90.78	\$68.67	\$91.14	\$63.86		
Operating Cost/Total Vehicle Hour	\$71.89	\$60.37	\$71.92	\$58.14		
Revenue Vehicle Hours/Total Vehicle Hour	79.19%	87.72%	78.91%	91.91%		
Revenue Vehicle Hours/FTE	945	1,099	943	1,221		
Revenue Vehicle Miles/Revenue Vehicle Hour	21.46	20.26	15.16	13.70		
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Hour	12.8	7.3	3.3	2.8		
Passenger Trips/Revenue Vehicle Mile	0.59	0.42	0.22	0.22		